Special Component Plan in Orissa

4386. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievement made under the Special Component Plan in the State of Orissa during each of the last three years;

(b) the funds earmarked for implementing the Special Component Plan during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the target fixed for providing benefits to the Scheduled Castes in the Ninth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The details are given below :

Year	Financial (Expenditure under SCP) (Rs. in crores)	Achievement (No. of SC families economically assisted)
1995-96	166.58	60929
1996-97	231.43	59684
1997-98	279.58 (anticipated)	57171

(b) As per the Ninth Plan proposal of the State Government, out of total State Plan Outlay of Rs. 15,000.00 crores for Ninth Plan the flow to Special Component Plan will be Rs. 1373.95 crores.

(c) It has been proposed by the State Government to assist 3.60 lakh SC families during Ninth Plan period.

Sub-Human Living Condition of Dalits and Adivasis of Palani Hills

4387. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "A daily struggle for sustenance" in the Hindu, dated the 5th July, 1998 relating to sub-human living conditions of Dalits and Adivasis of Palani Hills in the Western Ghats; and

(b) if so, whether any time bound action plan has been drawn for providing overall development of the villages, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no specific scheme under which funds can be provided by the Ministry to solve the problems of Dalits and Adivasis of the Palani Hills. The Ministry releases grants to the State Governments in the form of SCA to TSP and SCA to Special Component Plan for SCs as well as funds for certain other educational schemes based on the proposals received from the State Government. It is, therefore for the State Government of Tamil Nadu to ensure adequate flow of funds for development projects for the Dalits and Adivasis of Palani Hills from the State's own plan resources.

NGOs in Scheduled Areas

4388. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) working in the scheduled areas in the country;

(b) the amount of grants received by them from the Centre during last three years;

(c) whether any of those NGOs has received grants from the foreign countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A total of 192 NGOs working in Scheduled areas in the country received funds during the last three years as under:—

1995-96	1996-97	1997-98 (Rs. in Crore)
5.37	5.58	7.78

(c) and (d) Separate list of NGOs in Scheduled areas getting foreign contribution is not maintained. The annual report on the receipt of foreign contribution by voluntary associations for 1996-97 is available in the Parliament Library.